

REMARKS

The Office Action requires an election of one of seventeen species, and one of four subspecies. Applicant provisionally elects "Species II: Fig. 1b", and sub-species "Species a: Figs. 10, 11", with traverse. The list of claims (as required by the Office Action) that read on these species are claims 1, 13, 14, 15 and 28, as amended, and added claim 33.

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for the election, in view of the amended claims. Applicant has added claim 33 which is believed to be generic to Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

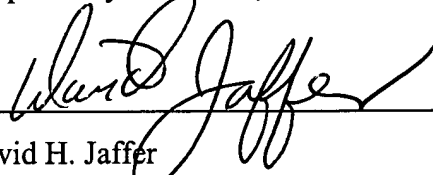
Applicant believes that the following claims dependent on claim 33 describe the subject matter of the above listed figures: Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13-15, 19, and 28-32. Applicant has cancelled the other claims: Claims 5-6, 12, 16-18, and 20-27.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made the required election, and has traversed the required election based on generic claim 33. The application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

If any further questions should arise, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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